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WILSON AND GOMPERS MAY COME INTO STATE

As the Democrats Are Seeking to Offset Visit of Hughes and Roosevelt.

(By Charles Brooks Smith.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Unless present plans miscarry, President Wilson is going to make a speech in West Virginia. His side-partner in the deal to hook the labor vote, Sam Gompers, is also going to invade West Virginia about a week after next. If the plans miscarry as to Gompers, it will be because those who are in charge of the Democratic campaign in West Virginia will have decided that it is best to keep Gompers out. They are massaging their minds with that question now.

When and where Wilson is to speak in West Virginia is yet to be determined. It is probable that he will make a stop in the state when he is enroute to or on his way back east from Cincinnati, where he is billed for October 26. Unless he changes his mind, and that is not at all improbable in his case, an occasion will have to be provided for him, as well as organization, which will, on the face of it at least, conform to his announced purpose to address only "non-partisan" gatherings during the campaign.

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As to Gompers going into West Virginia that is tentative as yet. A fever has been put out to ascertain if Gompers would do more harm in West Virginia than he might do good for the Wilson ticket. Some there are who figure that his presence on the stump would be decidedly embarrassing to National Committeeman Watson and his candidate, Mr. Cornwell, both being anything but enamored of the movement with which Gompers is connected. Their records are clear-cut in opposition to organized labor—Mr. Watson, in his coal fields, and Mr. Cornwell in his erstwhile capacity as policy attorney for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. It is pointed out, too, that the voters of West Virginia are in the main conservative as a class and Gompers's extreme radicalism and one-mindedness on one question is liable to have an effect not desired by the party which is featuring him on the stump this year. Also, it is referred to in connection with Gompers's proposed stumping tour of the state that he made a number of speeches in Maine which gained votes for the Republican ticket where

ever he spoke or his speeches were published.

Another thing, it is claimed by some that Gompers is not popular with organized labor in West Virginia that there he has long ago lost the confidence of not only many of the leaders in the movement, but also many of the more intelligent and politically perspicacious men in the ranks. They long ago "took Gompers's measure," as one of their leaders has expressed it, and the same man added that Gompers had only succeeded in holding the job he has as long as he has because of his tearful appeals not to be thrown out in his old age, which have up till now had the effect as planned on the sympathy of the voting power in the organization.

The consent of the Democratic national committee to stage a Wilson speech in West Virginia was secured by the campaign managers in that state upon their representing that Governor Hughes was billed to make a day's tour of the state, and that Colonel Roosevelt would follow Hughes soon thereafter. It was also represented with great emphasis to the national managers that Wilson has more than a fighting chance to capture the electoral votes of the state. This representation does not accord with the opinion of the gentlemen when privately expressed to friends, but they had to make that argument strong. What is behind it, of course, is the expectation that a speech from Wilson in West Virginia will accrue to the benefit of Mr. Watson's gubernatorial candidate, Mr. Cornwell. Everything is being turned to the account of Cornwell, is the understanding of the state colony of politicians in the capital, even to getting the national committee to stop the Wilson speech long enough in West Virginia to get a speech from the president.

MINERS' DAY

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(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
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